



Location Scouting Tour Support Program

Korea Film Commissions & Industry Network runs a Location Scouting Tour Support Program for foreign audiovisual works and co-productions between Korea and other countries that are planned to be shot in Korea, as part of promoting Korea and boosting the domestic film industry. This program provides a part of travel cost for location scouting and information on the filmmaking circumstance for foreign directors, producers, cinematographers, production designers, or location managers.

Support Details

- Round-trip airline tickets for up to two people (economy class)
- Accommodation for up to 6 nights (up to KRW 200,000 per day per person)
- Domestic Transportation (domestic flight, train, rental car, etc.)
- Service costs for a domestic location coordinator during the scouting period

*Other terms can be discussed.

Eligibility

Production companies or producers of foreign and co-produced projects between Korea and other countries planning to shoot in Korea – including feature films, documentaries and television programs (such as television films, mini-series, series and sitcoms), and web dramas with a minimum running time of 60 minutes are eligible to apply. The benefits apply only to the visits of directors, assistant directors, producers, cinematographers, production designers, and location managers of the project. For co-produced projects between Korea and other countries, this applies only to the visits of foreign nationality key staff to Korea.

Required documents

- KFCIN Application Form
- Synopsis or Treatment
- Visiting Crew Member's Filmography and Company profile
- Copy of a Business Certificate or Equivalent Documentation
- Additional Documents: If the project is still in development, two of the following documents must be submitted: a director's agreement, a main actor/actress agreement, an investment agreement proving over 50% of the production budget has been secured, a distribution agreement, or a pre-sales agreement. For documentaries, an investment agreement can be replaced with a confirmation letter from domestic or foreign institutions. If the project is a co-production between Korea and other countries, an investment agreement can be replaced with a co-production agreement or a letter of intent to co-produce with the foreign production company.

* Other information that may be useful for the decision-making process (e.g., Main staffs' filmography, articles about the project): extra points will be added for any projects.

Application

In order to determine full eligibility for the program, the applicant is requested to consult the KFCIN before applying.

Accepted all year round, but must be submitted at least 6 weeks before scouting for locations in Korea.

Result announcement

The result will be announced in 2 weeks after the submission of the application.

NB: The support is provided for a specific person or specific persons' visit. If that person shall be replaced, the applicant must obtain prior approval from KFCIN. No exceptions will be made.

Payment

The applicant can choose one of two options.

- Option 1: Booking of flight and hotel conducted by KFCIN in advance
- Option 2: The applicant pays the costs of flight and hotel and KFCIN reimburses the amount once the visitor arrives in Korea for the location scouting. Receipts or invoices for airplane ticket and hotel must be presented.
- For both options domestic location coordinator will be paid by KFCIN directly.

Additional Requirements

In the end credits of the film, the logos of KFCIN must be inserted under the headline, "This film was supported by" or "Supported by" in the format designated by KFCIN. After the film has been completed, a high definition video (2K or more) of the final version, still photos in print quality and promotion poster must be sent to KFCIN, which shall use them for non-commercial purposes only, including for research and business promotions. The applicant is requested to report the progress of the project – wrap production, distribution, invitation to international film festival or other relevant events to KFCIN within 2 years after receipt of the support. The applicant must respond faithfully to the written inquiries made by KFCIN by providing written responses.